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Cr. den Dulk Resigns



Urging Cr. G. den Dulk to sit back and relax now his days as an Altona Councillor are over are his wife, Leny, handing him the cup of coffee and 13-year-old daughter, Betty.

(Photo by Barry Sutton — 397 6017)

Cr. Gerardus (Gerry) den Dulk has resigned from the Altona Shire Council. He has sold his greengrocery business in Civic-pde., and plans to live at Nambour, Queensland.

His formal letter of resignation from the council is expected to be lodged at the Civic Offices by tomorrow and it will be effective immediately.

He plans to leave Altona on Friday.

The gallery was packed with wellwishers when he rose to announce his resignation at last Monday night's council meeting.

The councillors, shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, secretary Mr. J. W. Waters, and engineer Mr. B. C. Simmons, all spoke in praise of his work in the council and as a citizen.

At a buffet supper in his honour which followed the council meeting, others thanked him for his work and wished him a great many happy years in Queensland.

The council moved a special record of appreciation be placed on council records.

Moving the motion, Cr. A. W. Bond said the record would show the high calibre of his work.

"I have worked beside you for the past nine years. We haven't always seen eye to eye, but I am sorry to see you go, Gerry."

Seconding, Cr. J. J. Giffner said Cr. den Dulk brought fame to himself and to Altona by becoming the first New Australian

to become chairman of a municipal authority.

He said he had worked extremely well in helping the assimilation of migrants, so that Altona had a lead in this field.

"My wife and I are sorry to see you leave."

"I think I'll leave it at that. Things from the heart are shorter and sweeter."

Cr. W. L. J. Crofts said: "I have known Gerry for many, many years and I have enjoyed the company of his family, his wife and charming daughter, 13-year-old Betty."

"We will all miss Gerry den Dulk in the chamber, and so will Altona."

Cr. P. A. Burns said he endorsed the remarks, about the many achievements of Cr. den Dulk. "I wish you every success and happiness in the future."

Cr. P. J. Lynch said he wished him the same, and the Irish-born councillor added, light heartedly, "I am a bit crooked on this. I will be the only New Australian left."

Cr. D. K. Grant said Cr. den Dulk had greatly contributed to the development of Altona. "You could always bet your life that he would come up with

some controversial comment, and try to shoot you apart, and it has always been for the best."

The shire secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, said Cr. den Dulk's resignation would mean that there would be a fifth extraordinary election in the 11-year life of the shire.

"His name, den Dulk, will be known to all as we have named a street after Gerry."

And a reserve in Altona West was named after him. The reserve contains a playground, kindergarten and health centre.

Mr. Waters said Cr. den Dulk was a great and gracious host at the opening of the Civic Offices, and a great backer of the anti-fly campaign.

He was an original member of the Fly Campaign Committee of the Municipal Association of Victoria.

The shire engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, said Cr. den Dulk was known for his forthrightness, his honesty, his commonsense and his hard work.

Cr. H. Weaver said he was a happy man, "happy to come and happy to go."

The shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, said: "I personally feel rather sad that you are leaving, you and I coming, as it were, on the same team."

"I know of the work that you have put into this municipality, was remembered for the longest speech of three-quarters of an hour."

"My first motion was to help the Altona Yacht Club, and I was remembered for the longest speech of three-quarters of an hour."

"When I first came to Altona my wife and I lived in a rented bungalow. We didn't have any money for my bus fare."

"Blyth-st. was not made. There was a sort of a depression and a friend fed us for two or three weeks."

"I enjoyed being a councillor — but I enjoyed even more the Christmas recess when there were no meetings."

"But I will miss this place. Perhaps the reason for my moving is because of this council."

"My wife always waits up for me while I am out at meetings. And she said it was about time I gave it up."

"Now she has made me promise that I will never go in for local government again."

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EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION

An extra-ordinary election will be held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Cr. G. den Dulk from the Altona Shire Council.

When Cr. den Dulk's official resignation is received the Shire President, Cr. H. W. Lee, will announce the date of the election.

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"People say to me that I do all right with a fiver a week for sitting on council."

"Councillors do all their work for free."

"It costs me about \$8 a week to be a councillor."

"In fact that is how I went into business."

"I had to get so much time from work to attend to council matters that I went into my own business."

"But I did not push my own barrow. I am the only councillor who has lived in an unmade street for nine years."

"I have made a lot of friends in Altona, but strangely I have made a lot more outside."

"If you stand up and made a decision without being biased you lose a lot of friends."

"And being on this council and making decisions has cost me a lot of friends."

"I have had three social calls over the last three years."

"Perhaps this is the reason why I am going. A man cannot live without friends."

Cr. Crofts and I often went to see the people who were very ill—but, nobody ever came to see us."

Accompanied by his wife, Cr. den Dulk migrated from Holland 17 years ago.

They settled in Altona and were naturalised in 1958.

He was first elected to Altona Shire Council in August, 1959. He was re-elected unopposed in 1962 and again in 1965.

In the 1962-64 year he was the eighth president of the shire. During this year the Civic Offices and new council chamber were opened.

Cr. den Dulk is the only councillor to chair council meetings in each of the three different venues where the Altona meetings have been held—firstly at the Homestead, then the Elderly Citizens' Club rooms and finally in the present council chamber.

He has been chairman of all council committees except the Parks, Foreshore and Properties Committee. This year he was chairman of the Finance Committee.

As a councillor he was a member of a number of deputations including deputations regarding the Truganina Reserve, seeking alterations to the Local Government Act to permit payment of rates by instalment, against the proposed delinquent centre and when Williamstown annexed a piece of Altona.

He worked on the brochure, "Altona—A Place to Work, A Place to Live," which was sent to teachers at all Victorian schools and the brochure recommending Altona as the site for a university.

While in office he implemented the establishment of three kindergartens; was the original suggestor of the teachers' college for Altona; it was his idea to make the offer to purchase Truganina Reserve; he gave

Librarian Wrestler For Olympics?

Alan Tempest, a member of the Altona Library staff could be representing Australia in the wrestling at the Olympic Games in Mexico later this year.

He is fourth on the list of wrestlers chosen by the Australian selectors last week-end for the Games.

The Australian Olympic Federation previously indicated that only three or four wrestlers will be sent to Mexico.

The team has been named in order of preference and Tempest, a bantamweight wrestler, is fourth in line for Mexico.

He is the holder of the Victorian amateur Greco-Roman wrestling title and last September was runner-up in both Australian titles in the bantamweight division — Greco-Roman and Freestyle.

Twenty-five-year-old Tempest, resident of Footscray, has been training for 12 years and wrestling competitively for seven years.

He mainly works in the branch library in The Circle, Altona North.

Prefects' Investiture at Tech. School

The Shire President, Cr. H. W. Lee, will officiate at the investiture of prefects at the Altona North Technical School next Monday at 10 a.m.

State Bowls — Local Bowler in Semi-Finals

Altona bowler, John D. Mather, won his way through to be one of the last four players in the metropolitan bowls championship. But he was defeated in the first semi-final.

Playing on the Elesternwick green last week he downed B. Meers of Moonee Ponds 21-13 in the quarter final.

But he lost the semi-final to a former State pairs champion, Malcolm Holland, of Surrey Hills.

Holland who was in excellent touch defeated Mather 22-13, and now plays in the final to decide the State champion.

evidence for Altona to the Public Works Committee inquiring into Melbourne's water supply; and he was the first to invite the Premier, Sir Henry Bolte, to the council chamber. This was on the occasion of the building at Altona of the 50,000th co-operative house in Victoria.

For the last five years Cr. den Dulk has been president of the Altona Elderly Citizens' Welfare Council. He also has been president of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, a member of the Altona High and Altona North Technical School Advisory Councils and a member of the Western Suburbs Municipal Association since formed.

He was president of the Altona branch of the ALP, and president of the New Australian Council.

As guest speaker at many naturalisation ceremonies outside Altona, he was greatly in demand.

Twice he has stood for parliament.

The first time he had to withdraw because he had not been naturalised for the time required under the relevant Act.

But as a direct result of his forced withdrawal the Act was amended by Parliament.

His second attempt to win a seat in the Government was unsuccessful.

EDITORIAL

THE AMENDMENT

In the Altona Council Cr. Croft's amendment and later motion replaced Cr. den Dulk's motion to advance Altona to city status. It now includes provision for ratepayers to give evidence on the merits or disadvantages of Altona changing its status from Shire to City to a special committee of three.

An opportunity is also to be given for ratepayers to express their views on this matter to the committee.

This is of concern to Altona citizens most of whom have already formed their opinions.

Very few of our citizens, however strongly they may support or oppose this move, are in a position to give evidence, other than their own personal views. There will be exceptions. Some because of economic or business interests may be able to quote facts and figures.

Cr. Lee's remarks, though they might have been misunderstood are in line with this viewpoint "It is important at municipal level, perhaps not at all at ratepayer level."

Evidence of the material benefits or disadvantages must come from Council advisors and Councillors and others at municipal levels.

But in a democracy opinions are most relevant, in all elections they are the deciding factor.

And in this proposed change, the opinions of those who have lived in and worked for Altona are most desirable.

It is of importance that in some way or another the opinions of Altona people should be prominently before the committee.

RAY PATTERSON BACK FROM ASIA

Home on furlough after working in Korea and the Middle East is Mr. Ray Patterson of Blyth Street, Altona.

Now an employee of Fluor Corporation Ltd. of Los Angeles he went to Korea in February of last year and worked for five months on the construction of a fertiliser complex.

On the completion of this job he was sent to Iran where for eight months he worked on the building of a new refinery.

While away he has visited Japan twice, stayed at Bangkok in Thailand and called at Hong Kong and the Philippines.

In Iran he met a fellow Australian, Mr. Frank Elson, who had worked on the Altona petrochemical project.

Mr. Elson is soon returning to live in Melbourne.

Mr. Patterson also worked with a number of Americans who were employed on the construction of the Altona refinery.

On April 2 Mr. Patterson will fly to Pakistan where he expects to spend six to eight months on the construction of another fertiliser plant.

ALTONA HIGH HAS PLANS FOR FETE

At the first meeting of the Altona High School Fete Committee, preliminary arrangements were commenced for the fete to be held in the month of October.

It is the intention of this committee to meet once a month and items of interest will be published each month. It is intended to open the fete with a grand parade.

Spastic Aid Social Evening

Altona Spastic Aid Committee will hold their usual social evening on Friday night, March 29, in the Youth Hall at 8 p.m.

A number of prizes will be awarded during the night, plus supper. Donation 50 cents.

Altona High School Mothers' Club

Altona High School Mothers Club will meet at the school on Tuesday of next week, April 2, at 1.30 p.m.

All mothers are welcome and members are reminded to bring with them a copy of their favourite recipes.

SHIRE OF ALTONA

CITY STATUS INVESTIGATION

The Committee is about to take evidence and now invites ratepayers to give opinions on the merits and demerits of the Shire seeking City status.

Ratepayers may now:—

(a) Express opinions in writing;

or

(b) Make written application to express verbal opinion to the Committee.

Applications close with the Shire Secretary at noon Thursday, April 11, 1968.

JAMES W. WATERS, Shire Secretary.

DEPUTATION SEES MINISTER RE TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Representatives from 10 municipalities formed a deputation to the Minister of Education (Mr. L. H. S. Thompson) early this month to discuss the inability of the Education Department to fill teaching positions in the Western Suburbs and to press for a teachers' college in the area.

Prior to the Deputation, the representatives of the various Councils had been furnished with:—

(1) Copy of letter sent to Minister by Cr. J. J. Ginifer, M.L.A., setting out arguments favouring a teachers' college in the western suburbs;

(2) The Minister's letter replying to Mr. Ginifer;

(3) Mr. Ginifer's comments regarding the Minister's reply. Present assisting the Minister was Mr. L. J. Pryor, Superintendent of Teacher Education.

Mr. Ginifer enumerated the reasons why it was felt that a primary teachers' college was needed in the western suburbs emphasising that it was not only his opinion but also that of the 6 cities and 4 shires who were represented at the Deputation.

A general discussion then ensued where the various members of the deputation put further points to the Minister.

Cr. Bonnet (Keilor) referred to excessive cost incurred by students because of the relative long distances needed to travel from within the City of Keilor to the Melbourne Teachers' College.

Cr. Buckney (Broadmeadows) referred to long distances students are required to travel to the Melbourne Teachers' College.

Cr. Kelly (Bulla) referred to the public transport within the western suburbs and suggested that it was perhaps simpler to traverse this section of Melbourne rather than travel out of it by public transport.

Cr. Williams (Essendon) suggested that the more affluent might tend to migrate from the western suburbs — teachers could be in this category.

Cr. Whitaker (Williamstown) queried whether the percentage of successful applicants for teacher studentships from folk from the western suburbs was of the same proportion as from other parts of the metropolitan area.

Cr. Thomas (Sunshine) spoke of the needs to assist the children of migrants from non-English speaking countries.

Cr. Cruickshank (Footscray) referred to the C.R.B. proposals for widening further arterial roads in the western suburbs and its consequent effect on public transport.

Cr. Garlick (Melton) emphasised that his Council believed a teachers' college as suggested would be of immense value to the citizens of the Shire of Melton.

Two significant points arose from the Deputation:—

(1). The possibility of the Melbourne Teachers' College being closed to primary teacher training because of the need for expansion of the secondary teacher training college;

(2) The Minister will announce the site for a new teachers' college later this year.

Following upon the suggestion made by Cr. Ginifer that training schools should be established in the western suburbs in order that students might do their practical teacher training in schools nearer to their homes, the Minister authorised Mr. Ginifer to discuss this matter with the professional officers of the Education Dept., with a view to establishing at least 6 training schools in the western suburbs.

LARGE PRIVATE VENTURE IN AIR POLLUTION

One of the largest ever private ventures in air pollution control is undertaking a 15-point research program to reduce exhaust emissions from petrol-powered engines.

The programme is a \$7,000,000 co-operative undertaking launched last April by Mobil Oil Corporation and Ford Motor Company.

Since then five other major petroleum companies — American, Atlantic Richfield, Marathon, Standard Oil Ohio, and Sun — have joined the three-year search for a fuel engine system that will eliminate automotive emissions as a problem.

The 15 projects include studies of high-efficiency reactors, fuel additives, exhaust recirculation, induction system modifications, experimental petrols, and fuel-and-water injection systems.

Mobil researchers say an early success from the programme is the development of a method for calculating evaporation losses from fuel tanks and carburettors. Using this method, mathematical models have been developed to predict effects of design changes in fuel and fuel systems on carburettor and fuel-tank evaporation losses.

This development, and other results as they occur, will be made available to industry.

Among other activities, some 60 fuel additives have been screened in test engines made available by Ford, and some leads have been generated toward combustion improvement.

Experimental exhaust recirculation systems are being evaluated for performance, durability, and drivability.

An experimental catalyst used in a chassis dynamometer study of a Ford V8 engine has shown favourable readings on hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions.

Flame and non-flame ex-

haust afterburners are being studied with favourable initial readings.

Fuel-injection technology is being analysed for possible application to the programme.

The 15 projects encompass four major areas of investigation:

(1) Changes in engine systems, in combination with fuel or lubricant-modifying additives.

(2) Disposable catalysts in combination with lead traps afterburner systems — perhaps and separators.

(3) Semi-permanent catalysts for use with a modified gasoline.

(4) High efficiency reactors for use as exhaust afterburners.

The paramount goal of all studies is a system that will substantially reduce emissions at a minimum cost to the consumer with little effect on engine performance.

Altona Primary Mothers' Club

The Altona Primary School Mothers Club meeting will be held at the school on April 3 at 1.15 p.m.

The meeting will be followed at 2 p.m. by a 'wig party. All ladies are welcome and asked to bring something for afternoon tea. An apron competition will be held at the meeting, with the aprons being kept for the Bazaar to be held on

July 13.

Church Notices

BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona.

Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.

Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service. Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona. Telephone: 65-8829.

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's

Railway Street, Altona.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Confessions.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P.

Rev. Father M. Kelleher.

St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8886.

Queen of Peace Laverton.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.

Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Confessions.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Father V. Rubco, Elm Street, Laverton, 68 0260.

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North.

Masses.

Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Confessions.

Saturday: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierec, P.P., Rev. Father M. Sultana, Rev. Father G. Calleja, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason-st., Altona North, 3025.

Telephone: 391-3219.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's Queen Street, Altona.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

Sunday Services.

8 a.m.: Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays). Matins (second and fourth Sundays).

7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School.

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND St. Luke's

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North.

Holy Eucharist.

Sunday: 8 and 9.30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9.30 a.m.

VICAR—The Rev. D. Townsend, 300 Blackshaws Road, Altona North. Telephone 391-3096.

MARTIN LUTHER CONGREGATION MELBOURNE

25 The Broadway, Altona.

Welcomes you to Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.

MINISTER—Pastor H. Blasius

Telephone 391-2609.

METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona.

Sunday.

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. John C. Adamthwaite, 109 Queen Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1765.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Divine Worship.

Goble Street, Laverton.

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)

3 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 116.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona.

Student Minister: Mr. Bert Edwards, Home Missionary.

Sunday Services.

9.15 a.m.: Young Church and worship.

10.30 a.m.: Divine Worship.

Sacrament of Baptism at the 9.15 a.m. Service.

Congregational meeting at 7.45 p.m. on Friday, March 29.

Student Minister, Mr. Bert Edwards.

Session Clerk: Mr. F. S. Thorpe, 30 Belmar Ave., 3018.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

11 a.m.: Worship Service.

League of Young Worshipers share in the Worship from 11 to 12.30 a.m.

MINISTER—Mr. W. A'Dram, The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday.

8.30 a.m.: Prayer Meeting.

9.30 a.m.: Sunday School—Combined Sunday School at the Queen Street Hall (Primary and Junior).

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Holiness Meeting.

Queen Street Hall.

7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting.

Queen Street Hall.

Wednesday.

3.30 p.m.: Children's Club (Civic Parade Hall).

Thursday.

2 p.m.: Women's Home League.

Cadet Neville W. Tyson, Telephone 398 1750

St. Clement's

First Sunday in the month: Family Service.

VICAR—Rev. Eric Weber, St. Thomas' Church, Werribee.

Goble Street, Laverton.

SALVATION ARMY

Queen Street, Altona.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m., Parish Eucharist.

Tennis Club Seeks Council Aid

The Altona Tennis Club is seeking shire council help to build two more tennis courts.

They are estimated to cost \$2200. The council has promised to refer the matter to its finance committee to consider on next year's estimates. A council subsidy could be on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The council's parks, foreshores and property committee says the two new courts are "most desirable."

Club representatives, including president Mr. Trickey, secretary Mr. White and treasurer Mr. Turner, met the committee. Mr. Trickey said that the club desired to extend the four courts at present to six courts, an additional two courts, to be used for winter competitions.

The siting of the two extra courts would be adjacent to the club house so that the existing facilities would then serve four courts.

At present there are five junior teams and two senior teams using the courts on Saturday mornings and afternoons. Women, schools and mothers' clubs use the courts during the week.

There are 40 senior and 40 junior club members and coaching classes are being carried out for junior members.

The estimated cost of the proposed new courts would be—fencing \$400, two porous courts \$1800—making a total of \$2200. Cr. H. Weaver asked the amount of funds held by the tennis club at present.

Mr. Turner said that the bank balance was \$600, but it was intended to purchase a hot water service for \$200. Cr. P. J. Lynch inquired whether there was any restriction of members and was told there was no restriction whatsoever.

Cr. Lynch asked if these proposed courts were built what period would this development cater for and was told it would be for at least eight to 10 years. Cr. H. W. Lee said the council originally constructed the existing courts at the time of relocation of the courts from Logan Reserve when that area was required for other purposes.

The understanding was that eventually the two courts near Civic-pde. would become public courts.

Cr. Lee then advised the deputations that the committee would consider their request and make a recommendation to the finance committee for consideration of expenditure being set aside on

AWMC ASSOCIATES MEETING

On Friday, 5th April, a Musical Night is being arranged by the Associates where you can listen to your favourite records and also the favourite tunes of others.

This is an opportunity for getting together for some relaxation and fun. If he is in the mood bring hubby along. Even if he is not in the mood, bring him along—as they say "Music soothes the savage breast".

PERSONAL

Miss Cynthia Paltridge commences duty as Librarian of Altona Shire Library Service on Monday, April 1.

FOUND—A HAT

A gent's felt hat was found on the lawns adjacent to the flagpoles after last Monday's Council meeting and may be claimed on application to the Hat keeper, Mr. Thomas.

Koorungal Golf Club Associates

Results of play, Tuesday, March 26, 1968:

Medal Stroke:

Mrs. O. Howe (27)

68 nett.

A Grade — Mrs. T. Sinclair, (21) 74 nett.

36 Markers — Mrs. P. Case, 71 nett.

9 Holes Out — Mrs. A. Jordan, 33 nett.

SEA WATER LAYS BRIQUETTE DUST

Sea water from five water carts is now being used each day to lay the dust at the briquette depot in Altona North.

However, water should shortly be available from a bore sunk at the depot.

Spraying from the Board of Works supply ceased with the introduction of water restrictions.

In reply to a question by Cr. A. W. Knight, M.L.C., an officer of the State Electricity Commission has advised him that the daily spraying of the confines of the depot are by three to five water carts using sea water carted from the Newport Power Station.

The officer, Mr. W. B. Ballard, manager of the briquette marketing department, also said that a bore has been sunk and water at a flow-rate of 10,000 gallons hourly has been struck at about 325 feet.

However, provision of a pump, piping and reservoir enabling a change-over from power station supply will not be ready until about the middle of April.

Unfortunately, the bore water is not suitable for watering trees at the depot.

GRANDMOTHER GRADUATES



Encouragement and help from her family has enabled Mrs. Kathleen Eaton of Purnell Street, Altona, achieve a long desired ambition to become a nursing sister.

Mother of three and grandmother of two, Mrs. Eaton has spent the last four years as a student living in for three years at the Williamstown Hospital and the last year at the Footscray Hospital.

She did her general training at Williamstown and recently qualified at Footscray for her midwifery certificate.

Originally she started midwifery training in England but gave it up because of ill health.

With her husband, Philip, and three children — a daughter now aged 27 and the mother of 2 children, the other two now aged 13 and 9 years — she migrated from England in 1961.

After an initial two months in a hostel the family moved to Altona.

And Mrs. Eaton was able to begin her nursing training which she completed in the same time as taken by her younger fellow students without family ties.

Of invaluable help to Mrs. Eaton during her years of study has been her mother, Mrs. F. Clarke, who lives with the Eatons in Purnell Street.

A very pleased and proud family are now happy to have Mrs. Eaton return to work at Williamstown Hospital as a nursing sister.

ST. MARY'S LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

The championships have now been completed at the Williamstown Little Athletics Centre.

St. Mary's children won four silver and one bronze medal. The successful children were: Jenny O'Connor, 70 metres, 2nd.

Jenny O'Connor, 200 metres, 3rd.

Paul Curran, 200 metres, 2nd.

Shane Faulds, shot put, 2nd.

Susan Sweeney, high jump, 2nd.

On April 6 the Victorian Championships will be held at Royal Park West.

St. Mary's has seven representatives. Congratulations children.

Jenny O'Connor, Paul Curran, Graham Sullivan, Shane Faulds, Robert Magnabosco, Brendan Burnett, Martin Quinn.

JUNIOR TEAMS FOR SAT.

Altona Boys' No. 1 v. Youth Club at Nelson Place — John Trickey (capt.), Rex Snowling, Jeff Woods and Charles Sutton. (Emergency, E. Valente)

Altona Girls' No. 2 v. Kingsville, at Garden-st. — Jill Critchley (capt.), Helen Shields, Lindsay Smith and Robin Webb. (D. Crofts.)

SENIOR TEAM FOR SAT. Altona B2 v. Newport, at AGM: John Trickey, Jun., David White, Graham Russell, Marlene Orchard, Susan Morrow and Diane Stephenson. (Rex Snowling, Kevin Walsh and Jeanette Walker.)

next year's estimates. Cr. Weaver asked whether any delay in constructing two new courts would affect the club's affiliation with the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria. Mr. Trickey said that there would be no effect at all.

After the deputation left Cr. Lee pointed out the cost of facilities provided by the council to sporting clubs, against the rental charged by the council each year and considerable discussion took place on this subject.

Later the committee decided that the tennis club's application for the construction of two more tennis courts at a cost of \$2200, be referred to the finance committee to be included in next year's estimates on a dollar-for-dollar subsidy basis.

And further, that the application for the construction of two new tennis courts be considered most desirable.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH'S FIRST ANNUAL SPORTS

Mount St. Joseph's first annual sports were held at Soldier's Reserve, Werribee, last Sunday.

Many families and friends accompanied the 640 students to the sports which commenced at 11 a.m. when the four School Houses marched on to the field.

Leaders of the Houses were—Montine, Lorraine Burns; Kennedy, Anne Sandford; McKillop, Regis Hynes; and Cardijn, Pauline Hart.

Cardijn won the Shield for 1968.

One of the most pleasing features of the sports organisation was the running of all events simultaneously in four sections so that spectators in all parts of the field could enjoy the program.

A variety of ball games demanded much skill and alertness in the player, while many adults enjoyed for the first time a display of volleyball playing.

The games were closely contested and the players were urged on to victory by the enthusiastic barracking of their House members.

The winning teams were—

Section A, Montini and Kennedy;

Section B, McKillop and Kennedy;

Section C, Cardijn and Montini; and

Section D, Cardijn and Montini.

Much enthusiasm was aroused by the fast races in the afternoon program and the following winners show promise of athletic prowess—

(M) Montini, (McK) McKillop, (K) Kennedy and (C) Cardijn.

UNDER 12.—1st, Reneta Valente (K); 2nd, Carmel Zausa (M).

UNDER 13.—1st, Sylvana Vedesco (M); 2nd, Colleen Micalof (McK).

UNDER 14.—1st, Susan Barlow (C); 2nd, Nancy Alfraco (K).

UNDER 14 (Senior Section).—1st, Grace (C); 2nd, Sofia Zarebki (M).

UNDER 15.—1st, Patricia Donaghy (K); 2nd, Eliza Fiorentino (K).

UNDER 16.—1st, Creina Stone (K); 2nd, Gabriella Ballan (C).

16 AND OVER.—1st, Marilyn Jones (K); 2nd, Susan Tatt (C).

A special race for past pupils of the College was won by Judith Hingston.

Eight basketball matches were played on four courts and these closely contested games whipped the day's excitement to its peak.

In Section A McKillop and Montini were the victors; while Kennedy and Cardijn, Montini

and Cardijn, Montini and Cardijn were the winners in Sections B, C and D respectively.

The games were ably umpired by Judith Bishop, Leonie Tatt, Kay Hassett, Margaret Zammit and Carol Tardrew.

At 4.15 p.m. the Rev. Father Cassidy, PP of Williamstown, presented shields and trophies to the winners.

The Paterson Shield for the aggregate House winners was presented to Pauline Hart—capt. of Cardijn House, while this House was also presented with the Hynes Shield for marching.

The winning House in each section was awarded a trophy.

SECTION A: Montini, capt., Lorraine Burns;

SECTION B: Kennedy, capt., Luba Kyrylos;

SECTION C: Kennedy, capt., Jennifer Beirne; and

SECTION D: Montini, capt., Roslyn Webb.

The school expresses its appreciation of Father Cassidy's continued interest and special thanks is due to the School Committee members who devoted many leisure moments to the job of organisation.

Judges of the marching, Messrs. J. Field, F. Field and J. Crowe, also deserve thanks.

Seniors and Juniors in Tennis Finals

Footscray District Summer Pennant Tennis seasons ends this weekend with finals to be played in all sections.

Altona has one senior and two junior teams playing. The senior team, B2, is a comparatively young team, which goes into the final against Newport, a very strong and well balanced team, and will have to battle for every point to avenge their defeat against them in the second semi-final by three games.

In the junior section Altona No. 1 Boys' team, which have gone through the season undefeated, meet a strong Yarraville Youth Club team, but with Rex Snowling and Jeff Wood in top form the result seems to rest with young captain John Trickey and Charles Sutton.

Altona Girls' No. 2 section team looks the most promising girls' team Altona has produced and seem too strong for Kingsville.

The team, captained by Jill Critchley, with Helen Shields, Lindsay Smith and Robin Webb, won their semi-final very convincingly and the chance to win the first girls' pennant for the club should inspire the girls to the necessary effort.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

There is a saying that the truth when told with evil intent is worse than any lie one can invent. This is true of Cr. Lee's letter to the Star last week.

One wonders, if all the suggestions for financial control came from Labor Councillors, why did they delay until the state of our finances were brought to light by Cr. Crofts and so were compelled to institute controls?

Councillor Crofts was in the minority of two to one on the Finance Committee and eight to one on the Council. He steadfastly opposed any raise in rates. The rise to 14 cents, proposed by the two Labor Councillors on the Committee was put forward as a Finance Committee recommendation. This was reduced, as a gesture, by the Council to 13.5. In other words the Labor Councillors put up their own skittles in order to knock them down again.

I note Cr. Lee can tolerate criticism of himself. This is amusing when one recalls his reactions to the newspaper and individuals in the past.

His letter is liberally sprinkled with phrases such as "Literary venom", "Malignant hatred", "Character assassination", "Anti Labour". A common device, this attaching labels to one's opponents, to avoid the mental effort of answering criticism.

Anyone who has the temerity to criticise Cr. Lee or his colleagues will come under the label "Letter writing brigade". The three or four ratepayers who have in the past had reason to write to the newspaper did so on their own initiative, and their observations were at least pertinent to the subject under discussion, unlike the supporters of Cr. Lee from whose letters one can only gather their intense dislike of Mr. Mildenhall.

Cr. Lee finally speaks of his opponents as a well organised group as if to be organised is a sin. Viewing Cr. Lee's lack of planning in the past this attitude is understood, but when he speaks of their selfish action in holding back City Status for Altona, one might examine the motives of both sides. Ratepayer supporters have no intention of opposing City Stat-

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must refer to Cr. Lee's letter in the "Star" of March 21, and in doing so I would like to paraphrase an old saying: "Those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad (angry)."

The first two paragraphs I think are significant. His attack on me I take as a compliment, but he gets quite carried away when he refers to my dislike of "anything tainted by Labor." Personally I did not know that Labor or most political parties did taint anything, but he said it, so it must give one food for thought.

Then he lapses into the old mistake of saying that he cannot allow me to continue to deceive the people. He puts the ratepayers' intelligence at a low ebb if he thinks they cannot sift my wheat from his straw.

In one breath he accuses Cr. Crofts of not doing anything and in another says he could not do anything because he was outnumbered.

His challenge to me in his second last paragraph is of course one of the oldest of political tricks, indulged in by all parties and accepted by none. So as I refused to be set up, he will have to think of something else.

His remarks re a minority group are difficult to understand. I would hardly call a five to four majority a minority. The voters certainly don't think so and that is what counts.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. MILDENHALL.

P.S.: My Webster's Unabridged Dictionary gives the meaning of "dogmatic" as, inter alia—
(a) Stating an opinion in a positive or arrogant manner;
(b) Asserted a priori or without proof.

A. E. MILDENHALL.

us. Altona has had the qualifications for years. Has Cr. Lee forgotten the words of his former Leader, Mr. Caldwell? — who said in December 1963 "With a population of 20,000 Altona could become a City any day" — but he advised against it. "A Shire gets more Government grants than a City" (Star 12.12.63).

As the matter is not one of great urgency, what is the objection to an examination of the pros and cons. What reason lies behind this urgent wish to rush the measure through?

Yours faithfully,
H. V. JEAVONS.

ST. EANSWYTHE'S

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

The Final Report Meeting last Friday of the visiting team brought the Total pledges of Altona Anglicans to the work of their Church at home and overseas up to \$25,672 during the next three years.

One hundred and thirty six pledges contribute to this total. This is almost three times as much as was promised in the 1964 Programme and shows the potential of Anglicans when they make a concerted effort for the welfare of God's work. Included among the priorities for local mission is the execution of a building programme, at present under consideration, to replace the deteriorating timber buildings.

BEETLE NIGHT

The Mothers' Committee of the Altona West Play Centre will conduct a Beetle Night at the centre at the rear of the

PRESBYTERIAN ACTIVITIES

Whilst the Altona Presbyterian Church is without a Minister, services on Sundays are being conducted by Mr. Bert Edwards. Mr. Edwards has been serving the Church for a number of years as Home Missionary in Carisbrook, Central Victoria for 4 years and recently in Tasmania on the north coast. Mr. Edwards is currently undertaking the prescribed course of study at Ormond College at Melbourne University.

Mr. Edwards is also able to visit Altona on one or two days per week on Parish matters — his usual visiting day to Altona is Mondays. The convenor of the Church selection committee is the Session Clerk, Mr. F. S. Thorpe of 30 Belmar Avenue, who will accept messages for Mr. Edwards.

Presbyterian Church, Civic Pde., on Thursday April 4, commencing at 8 p.m.

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The Social Whirl

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PAM SHAW AND KEN READ WED AT ST. EANSWYTHE'S



In this photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alan Read, taken after their marriage by the Rev. John Lawley at St. Eanswythe's Church of England, Altona, last Saturday, can be seen the special pendant being worn by the bride, the former Pamela Judith Shaw.

The pendant was worn by her mother at her wedding 26 years ago and was given to her mother by her father.

The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw, of Cambridge-st., Seaholme.

She wore an A-line imported satin gown under a chantilly lace edged spotted overlay featuring a large diamond shaped cape which fell into a long train. Her veil-snood was held in place by a small dome hat. She carried a trailer of frangipani falling from the family prayer book.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Joy, and a friend, Pat Koch.

They also wore lace edged spotted overlays with capes falling to small trains, but their bare shouldered gowns were of aqua dimpled satin.

All the unusual but lovely feminine bridal gowns were designed by the bride and made by her mother.

The groom, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Read, of 4 Railway-pl., Williamstown, was attended by his brother, Graeme, as best man, and Phillip Pearson as groomsman.

The bride's mother was elegant in her frock, coat and hat of imported silk shantung worn with matching accessories.

An attractive beige lace frock teamed with gold accessories was worn by the groom's mother.

Outside the church eager to catch a glimpse of their teacher (the bride) were a number of pupils from Grade IV at Altona East Primary School. Earlier in the week the bride had received presentations from the staff and mothers' club at the school.

The wedding reception was held in the Regal Room at the Dorchester, in the Alexandra Gardens.

The bride's going away outfit of matching frock, coat and Breton-hat made from a pale blue material with a small floral print was worn with white accessories. The frock and coat were finely pin tucked.

The couple are spending their honeymoon cruising on the Hawkesbury River. On their return they will settle in Keilor.

FORMER RESIDENT MARRIED

The elder daughter of George and Bet Lansley, former residents of Millers Road, Altona, and now of Kororoit Creek Rd., Williamstown, was married last Saturday.

Marlene was married to Leonard Schutt of Geelong Rd. Footscray, at the Holy Trinity Church, Williamstown. The reception was held at the Delphic.

SOCIAL AFTERNOON AT HOMESTEAD

Seaholme ladies hold a social afternoon at the Homestead every Wednesday afternoon, starting at 2 p.m.

The ladies take a small gift and something for afternoon tea. Admission is 30 cents and money raised is for the Altona Spastic Relief Association Building Fund.

St. Eanswythe's Ladies' Guild

The ladies of St. Eanswythe's Guild will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. Trumson, 4 Grove Highway on Wednesday, April 6, at 8 p.m.

There will be a small prize for the most saleable article, which will be either sold on the night, or at The Guild Stall, which will be held on Saturday, April 9.

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School Committee Brooklyn West

Last week the annual meeting of the Brooklyn West Primary School Committee was held at the school.

New members elected were: Mrs. B. Mather, Mr. P. De Jong and Mr. N. W. Beard.

The Chairman is Mr. K. Cameron; Secretary, Mr. R. Cartwright and Treasurer, Mr. C. Heriot.

It was announced that tenders have been called for the erection of a school canteen.

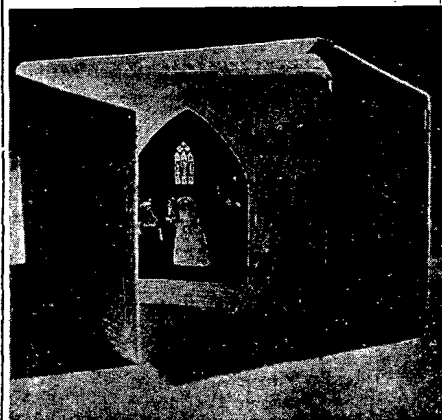
Seaholme School Mothers' Club

The next meeting of the Seaholme State School Mothers' Club will be held at the school on Monday, April 1, at 1.30 p.m.

All mothers welcome.

Spastic Relief Assn. Meeting

The Altona Spastic Relief Association will meet on Wednesday, April 3, at 7.45 p.m., in the "Homestead" (opposite the Public Library), Queen St., Altona.



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Mothers Club Meeting

Altona West Mothers Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 8 p.m. at the school.

ENGAGEMENT

On Saturday, March 23, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lade of "Wiora" Strath Creek and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carruthers of 62 Upton Street, Altona, announced the engagement of Judith and Roger.

Judith, Mr. and Mrs. Lade's only daughter, is the Director at Bendigo South pre-school Kindergarten. Roger, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers was a teacher at Williamstown Technical School prior to his becoming a National Serviceman.

Monster Fete

Bargains galore will be available at the Monster Fete the Altona Spastic Relief Association is holding at St. Mary's Hall, Sargood Street, next Saturday, March 30.

The fete will be officially opened at 10 a.m. by the Shire President, Cr. H. W. Lee.

Drapery, sweets, fancy goods, toys, home made cakes, groceries, jams and pickles will be on sale as well as the varied items on the jumble stall.

Pony rides will attract the children.

Morning and afternoon teas will be available.

Readers are urged to support this effort for the local spastic children and adults.

Beetle Afternoon for Guides & Brownies

The Local Association of Guides and Brownies is holding a Beetle afternoon in the home of Mrs. Saunders, 31 Chiffley Avenue, Altona, on Wednesday, April 3, at 1.30 p.m.

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ALTONA CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The tension of our three teams in the grand final continues because the rain, though very welcome, prevented the second days play last weekend.

However, weather permitting, play will continue on Saturday next with A and B Grades again at Fearon Reserve, Williams-town Beach, and C Grade at the Cricket Oval, Spotswood.

During the first day's play of the grand final our club secretary, Ron McCullagh, sustained an injury, but everyone will be pleased to hear that Ron is back on his feet again now and should be completely fit to play next weekend.

The special night that had been planned for last Saturday night in the clubrooms will now take place next Saturday when it is hoped that all members will come along in force to make this end of season evening a success.

We are used to seeing cricket bats and other cricketing gear at the Altona Cricket Club pavilion during the season, but added to this on Friday evening were cudgels, swords, bows and arrows, snakes and even a plate of real jam tarts, complimenting the fancy dress costumes worn by some 40 to 50 children entering the Fancy Dress Competition.

The costumes were all of a very high standard and some most original. It was obvious that the mothers had gone to a

lot of trouble and set the judges (shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Gwladys Winfield, of the Altona Drama Group, a very difficult task in selecting the winners of each group. So much so that Cr. Lee generously provided a special prize in each section.

Cr. Lee complimented the Ladies' Committee on the good work that they do for the cricket club and said it was particularly pleasing that they found time to organise such an event for the children as this type of entertainment was needed in the shire to ensure the continuance of happy relationships existing in the community.

The evening began with games under the leadership of Jimmy Page and concluded with the judging of the fancy dress costumes and a delightful supper provided by the Ladies' Committee, a most enjoyable and successful evening.

The prize winners were—
UNDER-5: Gerrard Cooney (Stoneage Boy), Harem Girl (name unknown).

Special Awards: Robina Duckett (Chinese Boy), and Bradley Scholes (Shintara).

UNDER-7: Annette Cooney (Queen of Hearts), Martin Ridge (Batman).

Special Award: Linda Duckett (Chinese Girl).

ALTONA CAMERA CLUB NEWS

There was an avalanche of Portrait entries handed to the Club Secretary at last Friday's meeting.

The amount of black and white prints is rapidly exceed-

UNDER-9: Christine Cooney (Queen Guinivere), Peter Stevens (Tarzan).

Special Award: Julie Howard (Indian Girl).

BEST PAIR: Peter Stevens and Debbie Stevens (Tarzan and Jane).

Special Award: Greg and Linda Duckett (Chinese Couple).

BEST CRAZY HAT: Cheryl Goucher (Novelty Shop), Michael Howard (World's Biggest Sombrero).

BEST OVER ALL: Christine Cooney (Queen Guinivere), Dale Goucher (Toy Soldier).

Shire President's Prize for MOST ORIGINAL: Susan Douglas (Little Old Lady).

ing, the colour slides in these competitions and gives an indication of the increasing number of members who are working with black and white.

It was a different story several months back when the greater majority were strictly colour operators.

Well, the budding spies were disappointed after all, as the proposed talk on close-up photography had to be temporarily passed over in favour of a slide lecture on "night photography". As these lectures are only available at short notice, plans must be altered accordingly to fit them in. No one worried over this because the lectures are excellent quality and give a fund of helpful hints.

The results of the "Portrait Competition" will be revealed on Friday March 29, with the judges' criticisms added for good measure. Also included will be another chapter in the monthly capsule or beginners' course.



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CHURCH CRICKET FINALS

Last Saturday saw the completion of the Junior Grades final matches in the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association, and as expected the premierships were convincingly won by Electra-st. Meths No. 1 in the South Section, and Tottenham Baps in the North.

Both these sides have proved to be the best teams in their respective Grades throughout the whole season, and deserve the honour.

Runners-up in St. Eanswythe's (Altona) were perhaps unlucky, as they also had an excellent season. They can look forward to next season with more anticipation.

In the North, Yarraville Baps, lucky to make the finals, proved, they too will be a side to be watched next season.

In the three Senior Grades, the premiership for C Grade was won in two days easily, by all-season leader Seddon-Yarraville Congs by crushing St. Eanswythe's by an innings.

In B Grade Paisley-st. Baps have a very handy lead to enter the third and final day next Saturday, and at this point look as though they will be the successful team over North Williamstown Church of Christ.

The A Grade premiership is still wide open after two most interesting days of cricket, and the third and final day next Saturday should provide a fitting climax to a great season.

Kingsville Baps still have a slight advantage over their rivals in Tottenham Baps, but Tottenham have five hours to get the required 146 runs, with nine wickets in hand.

Cricket enthusiasts and Association players and officials are urged to attend Footscray Park next Saturday to witness the finish of these two interesting matches.

Details of last Saturday's play are as follows—

A GRADE FINAL

Kingsville Baps (173) were routed in the second innings for only 87, by scoring by Ian Waymouth (6/26) and Dick Ross (4/34).

Only Claude Dunn (20) and Lou Dowling (16) offered reasonable resistance. Baps continued their first innings at the start of play, to be dismissed for only 81 runs. Bill McGuire, the only rungetter of note, made 26.

Lou Dowling (5/28) and Stu. Culbard (4/37) did the damage. At the start of the second innings Tottenham needed only 160 runs to win the flag, and lost 1/14 before bad light and rain finished play for the day.

Next Saturday should provide some cricket well worth watching.

B GRADE FINAL

In reply to North Williamstown Church of Christ's 125, Paisley-st. Baps did very well to make 248, due to a good team effort. Ken Clements (22), John Merry (44), Ern (41), Anderson (25), Payne (41) and Neil Austin (17) were main rungetters.

No bowler for Church of Christ really did well.

Batting very briskly in a short second innings, North Williamstown are 0/46, still requiring 77 to wipe off the deficit.

With some big hitters in the side, Church of Christ cannot yet be written off, and some good cricket is also still in store in this match.

Scotchie Neville is 35 not out and looks like he could provide some fireworks for the Baptist bowlers.

C GRADE FINAL

Seddon/Yarraville Congs continued their massive innings, and were finally all out for 508. Krygger finished with 43 and George Prentice 38.

A demoralised St. Eanswythe's proved to be no match for the strong Cong's team and were out for only 73 runs with Brian Garde 25, George Mantou 5/35 and Ron Comben 5/17.

St. Eanswythe's were asked to follow on, and by the time rain and bad light put a stop to proceedings, were 8/139, at which score declaration was made, leaving Seddon/Yarraville Congs premiers for this grade.

Brian Garde was 42 not out, Dennis Garde 25, Carlton 16, George Mantou 4/32 and Comben 3/20.

The very strong Cong's side lead all the way and were easily the best side in the Grade thoroughly deserving the flag. The must look forward to next year now being elevated to B Grade.

St. Eanswythe's should gain from this year's efforts, too, and will be hard to beat next year.

Altona's first game since they won their way into Division 1 of Metropolitan Soccer will be against the all-powerful Maribyrnong-Triestina. This team has spent a small fortune in building up a good side.

They are also after Fitzroy Cricket Ground for a homeground. This club certainly means business.

The Maroons (Altona) have home ground advantage. Coach Harry Sutherland has the lads as fit as possible, but it will be hard. The pace is faster, the players better, the opposition play for keeps.

None but the "fair dinkum" will wear the Altona colours this year. Supporters will have to be patient, it will take time and money to mould Altona into a top side.

ALTONA'S FIRST XI SOCCER TEAM



BACK ROW (left to right): B. Coles, J. Balish (captain), B. Hillier, K. Karatzos, S. Herman, C. Copley, R. Rice. FRONT ROW: I. Roberts, B. Wilkie, M. Grecco, D. Cook, B. Flynn.

MANY VISITORS BOWL AT ALTONA

Both rinks at the Altona Bowling Club green were taken up with the maximum number of players on Gala-Day last week.

Many visitors were among the bowlers, but only one was among the winners and this was the West Coburg player who won the spider event.

Bowlers in the winning rink were: Joan Miliken, Lorna Walsh, Frank Nielsen and Pat Gischus (skipper).

Runners-up were Roma Shaw, Dorrie Gadsden, Carmen Ford and Win Neal (skipper).

Lorna Walsh, a player in the

winning rink, also won the ditch to ditch bowl, which started off the day.

Two special days will be held early in April.

On Tuesday, April 2, bowlers will gather at 1 p.m. for Guest Day. Members are reminded to bring along two gifts and a plate of cakes, sandwiches or savouries, etc.

Interclub Day will commence at 11 a.m. on April 4.

Bowlers are urged to check the lodging of their entries for matches on this day. Any player wishing to withdraw is requested to notify the games committee no later than April 3—the day before Interclub Day.

Edna and George Russell had a successful day as visitors to Hampton last Sunday. At the all-day tournament they won the pairs trophy.

Another four bowlers from Altona had a successful night at Footscray RSL.

Winners of semi-final trophies at the night tournament were Dot Nielsen, Roma Shaw, Sid Carlton and Frank Nielsen (skipper).

RELAY SWIMMERS BREAK RECORD

Swimmers from Altona North High were placed in 10 of the 14 relay events in the Western Division (B Section) Combined High School Swimming Sports at Olympic Pool last Monday.

A new record was set by the boys swimming in the under 15 relay in 2 min. 19.1 sec.

Other relay teams gained one second, four thirds and four fourths.

First place winners in individual events were—

Jan Bennett in girls' under 13 freestyle; Irene Vickers, girls' under 14 freestyle; and Christine Maina in the under 13 backstroke.

For the boys, Dennis O'Laughlin was first in the boys' open 400 metres.

Outstanding performances were given by Kathy Simic, who competed in the 200 metre freestyle and 100 metre backstroke.

Dennis O'Laughlin, who competed in four events: Robyn Pratt, in five events; and

Also Les MacDonald and Alan Kennedy.

Overall, Altona North High was placed fourth in the aggregate.

Teachers were a little disappointed at the number of spectators that went along to see the sports.

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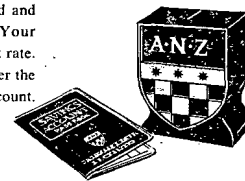


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Altona Guides and Brownies

1ST ALTONA GUIDE COMPANY —

The first meeting for this year was held on February 15, and 3 girls were admitted from the waiting list.

The new patrol was named Koola Patrol with Pam Lyall and Janice Burke as Patrol Leader and Second. Glenda Harrington has become the second of Playtrup patrol.

This company now has a full commitment of 30 girls. Koola has left the Guides and joined the Williamstown Ranger Crew.

Rosella Patrol also elected a new Patrol Leader, Marion Hatfull, to take Heja's place and Maree Sleeman was nominated as their second.

Pam Lyall and Janice Burke will become Pack Leaders with 1st Altona Brownie Pack.

1st SEAHOLME GUIDE COMPANY —

Every girl has received 1st year stars and Denise Crofts has her 8 year service star. Denise has been made Pack Leader for 1st Seaholme Brownie Pack.

Julie Flett and Kaye Farmer Pack Leaders for 2nd Altona Brownies. Five Guides have passed 2nd Class. Elwyn Saunders, Beverly Colvin, Kaye Farmer, Julie Flett and Lynne Dobbie.

Other tests passed were, Expedition by Kaye Farmer and Elwyn Saunders, Local History by Kaye Farmer and Cooks Badge by Lynne Dobbie.

Some time ago, 1st Seaholme Guides corresponded with Jean McFarlane of Motherwell, Scotland to enable her to gain her Queens Guide Badge by supplying information about Guiding in Australia. It is gratifying to hear that this good turn has now resulted in Jean gaining this Badge.

As a farewell to Medika, Margaret Smithies — who has been lieutenant with the company for quite some time and who is leaving shortly to be married, the Company held a Shower Tea on Monday, March 4.

Parents, the District Commissioners, Guides, Local Association members, and friends were present and many beautiful gifts were given to Medika. The Guide Company gave her a silver tray inscribed with Best Wishes from the Company.

At this same function, Julie Flett and Denise Crofts were presented with fountain pens as parting gifts from Medika herself, as they are the only girls left from the original commencing company.

1st ALTONA BROWNIE PACK —

With 18 Brownies and 1 recruit, the Brownies have settled down to another year's work, and Lorraine Duff has passed her Golden Hand.

Kristine Gunther who turned 11 years of age on March 20 will walk up to Guides.

Knots, Button Sewing and Shoe Cleaning tests were passed by the District Commissioner in the absence of Brown Owl. Tests passed: Knots — Yvonne Mason, Kib Harvey, Alison Shanks, Kristine Gunther and Heather Neyland.

Button Sewing: Kim Harvey Judith Kidd, Kristine Gunther. Shoe Cleaning — Kathleen Bulmer.

The Brownies are knitting squares to make a blanket for an elderly pensioner.

There is a vacancy in this Pack for a Tawny Owl and it is hoped that some interested person will offer their services for this purpose.

Until recently, Mrs. Eve Bright was the Brown Owl but owing to ill health had to resign the position which will now be held by Mrs. M. Neyland.

2nd ALTONA BROWNIE PACK —

Congratulations to 1st Class Brownie, Noelene Colvin who has passed her Golden Hand and is ready to fly up to Guides. Proficiency Badges passed are: Musician: Noelene Colvin.

Collectors: Janet Tilt, Katherine Rice.

3rd Year Star: Noelene Colvin.

Golden Bar: Debra Webb, Thrift: Christine Morris. Pack Good Turn was a visit to Berry Street Babies Home with gifts for the children and an outing has been held to the Fitzroy Gardens.

Two Handcraft meetings have been held.

The following five Brownies will be ready within a few weeks to go up to Guides: N. Colvin, K. Rice, R. Heyme, L. Webb and A. Morris.

1st SEAHOLME BROWNIE PACK —

This new Pack now has been built up to Seven Brownies and five recruits and the five new girls should be ready shortly to be enrolled.

As this is a fairly new Pack test work and proficiency badges are still to be gained, but under Brown Owl, V. Killingback and Tawny Owl D. Morris the girls are progressing very well and with the added assistance of their Pack Leader, Denise Crofts, who will in future be known as an assistant, much can be accomplished.

Warrants presented to Guides: Congratulations to Lieutenant of 1st Seaholme Guide Company, Mrs. L. Parsons and Brown Owl of 1st Seaholme Brownie Pack, Mrs. Vera Killingback who have received their warrants.

Membership commenced: Miss Amber Inglis has commenced her pre-warrant Brownie Guides training at Headquarters, and a new Guide, Mrs. M. Barling who has worked with the mentally retarded Rangers at Yarraville has offered her services to 1st Seaholme Guide Company as a Guide Guide.

The waiting list for Brownies born during the year of 1960 has now been closed. There are still vacancies on the "waiting list" for Brownie Leaders and Guide Guides.

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD VAGRANT

A 19-year-old interstate youth found guilty at Williamstown Court last week of vagrancy has been remanded until April 3 for a pre-sentence and psychiatric report.

The youth, Robin Leonard Rosewall, of New South Wales, was found lying on the floor of a vacant house in Blackshawsrd., Altona North, on the night of March 19.

He was charged with being a person having insufficient lawful means of support.

Constable Robert Larkin, of Kingsville, told the Court he searched the vacant house and found Rosewall lying on a door mat on the floor.

Rosewall said he had no money with him, but he had a "few quid" in a NSW bank.

Rosewall told Const. Larkin he had come down from Sydney with a mate in a car and that he did not know Melbourne and had nowhere to go.

He told the Court if he was allowed to go he would wire for money to pay for a ticket to return home.

In the witness box Rosewall admitted he had been a voluntary patient in a hospital in NSW for drug addiction.

Sitting on the bench were Justices of the Peace A. King and M. Robertson.

WILLIAMSTOWN ANIMAL RELIEF SOCIETY MEETING

The Williamstown and District Animal Relief Society last week held its annual meeting at the Newport Library Hall.

President E. R. Johnson was in the chair. Apologies were received, one being from Mr. Larry Floyd, State Member of Parliament.

All retiring members were re-elected. The vacancy caused by the sudden death and deeply-felt loss of Mr. Rupert Packman was filled by Cr. Leo Hoffmann. The honorary secretary reported a well-attended clinic while in between hours many animal patients are sent to Mr. Sam Green's surgery at Footscray.

Cruelty is lamentably on the increase. Multi-storey and other flats often prove to be the reason for cruelty and callousness to animals. Reports come in daily of the dumping of kittens and of nightly disturbances made by abandoned cats. The spading of cats and kittens would prevent much of this, and the loss of puppies and dogs would be avoided by keeping name and address discs permanently on them.

The all night accident service provided jointly by the RSPCA, the Lost Dogs Home and the Lord Smith Hospital is a welcome and much needed addition to animal welfare.

The secretary asks that people everywhere will place dishes of fresh water for birds and place food scraps on roof tops or in the open away from prowling cats. It would help if some kind people would provide wheat or other grain.

It is feared many lean months are ahead with perhaps the sad loss of more of our beautiful wild life. Much has been lost through pesticides, bushfires, pollution of water, drought and predatory migrants.

The honorary treasurer gave a comprehensive financial report. The balance showed that all normal appeals in the current year can be met.

Membership fees of 40c are now due. Another volunteer for transport would be gratefully received.

The audience gave rapt attention a long display of coloured films depicting a variety of spectacular Australian birds and animals. They evidenced the discriminatory skill and patience of Mr. Len Robinson of the Bird Observers' Club who collected and exhibited them. Following the film shown, the ladies of the committee served a home-prepared supper and the meeting closed.

THE PESCI HUNGARIAN GYPSY ORCHESTRA

The Pesci Gypsy Hungarian Orchestra will present their exciting programme of "The night . . . the Stars . . . and the Music" at the Comedy Theatre, Melbourne, on the 17th April.

The Pesci gypsy family is one of the oldest musical families in Eastern Europe. Pesci's great grandfather had the great honour of playing for the Emperor Joseph, the last Emperor of Austria, and Hungary. His great-uncle played on many occasions for the grand Prince Rudolf at his country chateau and it would be remembered that the grand Prince Rudolf was involved in the tragic May-erling incident.

At present his two sons, Joseph and Tomaz, one of whom will be travelling with the company to Australia, are highly skilled musicians whose ages respectively are 17 and 18.

This is the first time a gypsy company has ever been formed that covers the complete range of gypsy art. There are 9 dancers selected from all over Hungary and 4 gypsy vocalists. In addition, there are musical soloists comprising 2 Cymbalon, gypsy flautists and, of course the traditional violins, clarinets, cello and bass.

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The costumes are all hand made in traditional style and embroidered in various villages throughout Hungary and the jewelry worn by the gypsy dancers in some cases has been in their families for decades.

The company includes 20 gypsy musicians, 9 male and female dancers and 4 male and female vocalists. The company, the production, the costuming and effects are imported in their absolute entirety from Budapest and is the first time that a presentation of this nature has been seen in Australia and New Zealand.

Bowls Post-Poned

Last Saturday semi-finals for section winners of pennant bowls were cancelled. Matches could not be played in the wet conditions.

The Altona No. 1 team which won a section pennant in B4 Division will now play in the semi-final at Ormond Park this Saturday.

Winners at Guide & Scouts Swimming Sports

A guide and scout from Altona and a cub from Laverton each won an event at the district swimming sports for scouts and guides held last Friday.

M. Kaye of the 1st Altona Guides won the Guides' Own Under 14 years, 55 yards event.

Third Altona scout, G. Hartman, won the seniors Under 16 years 55 yards.

Laverton cub, G. Wilson won the cubs Under 9 years, 25 yds. event.

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Following the usual formula, the shire secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, called groups of candidates forward and the shire president then asked them to repeat after him the Oath of Renunciation and Allegiance. Officers of the Immigration Department who assisted were Messrs. Kitchell and Wilhizer.

Seated with the shire president were deputy shire president, Cr. A. W. Bond, and Crs. H. Weaver, P. J. Lynch and D. K. Grant. Crs. Grant and Lynch witnessed the voting electoral cards which were signed after each candidate received the Naturalisation Certificate.

The speakers who congratulated the new citizens after the shire president had made his closing remarks were Cr. Bond, Mrs. Collmann (the State president of the UNICEF Auxiliary), and the Rev. Father Rafter (of the Good Neighbour Council).

The Country Women's Association ladies—Mrs. Griffiths, president, and Mrs. Hook, secretary—had arranged dress sprays for the ladies and presented such prior to the ceremony.

The function closed on an enjoyable note with a tasty supper served by the members of the Altona Auxiliary of UNICEF, under the leadership of Mrs. Bill Smith.

Candidates who were naturalised, were as follows—

Mrs. Hubertje Adams (Dutch), 48 Davies-st., Altona.
Mr. John Ariano (Italian), 266 Millers-rd., Altona North.
Mrs. Rosa Basile (Italian), 20 Jeffrey-ave., Altona North.
Mr. Nikolas and Mrs. Styliani Berbakakis (Greek), 82 Fourth-

ave., Altona North.
Mr. Fiore Borcich (Italian), 1A Millers-rd., Altona.

Mr. Werner Bosccke (German), 22 Cleghorn-ave., Altona North.

Mr. Temo Bozic (Yugoslav), 151 Mills-st., Altona North.
Mr. Salvatore Calabro (Italian), 64 May-st., Altona North.

Mr. Pietro Antonio Capuano (Italian), 14 Langshaw-st., Altona North.
Miss Xanthi Caragiosakis (Greek), 61 The Circle, Altona North.

Mr. Charles Crobe (Italian), 61 Rosala-ave., Altona North.
Mr. Salvatore Cughari (Italian), 16 Third-ave., Altona North.

Mrs. Grazielle Dalla Costa (Italian), 55 David-st., Altona.
Mrs. Lucia Donatucci (Italian), 7 Mahon-ave., Altona North.

Mrs. Filomena Dubicki (Polish), 19 Cleghorn-ave., Altona North.

Mrs. Anna Dzman (Polish), 44 Ararat-st., Altona North.
Mrs. Ines Mandato Favorito (Italian), 199 Millers-rd., Altona North.

Miss Milica Gicanov (Yugoslav), 268A Mason-st., Altona North.
Mr. Stanislaw Jankowiak (Polish), 33 The Broadway, Altona North.

Mr. Nikola Krznar (Yugoslav), 151 Mills-st., Altona North.

Mrs. Concetta La Ferlita (Italian), 5 Stanley-st., Altona.
Mr. Nicola Lazorwi (Ukrainian), 66 Hansen-st., Altona North.

Mr. Giovanni and Mrs. Marina Longaretti (Italian), 2 Beaver-st., Altona North.
Mr. Petar and Mrs. Maria

Maricic (Yugoslav), 10 Davies-st., Altona North.
Mrs. Leokadia Mell (Polish), 131 Millers-rd., Altona North.

Mrs. Marija Milic (Yugoslav), 26 Cleghorn-st., Altona North.
Mr. Jozsef and Mrs. Elizabeth Monek (Hungarian), 5 Fifth-ave., Altona North.

Mrs. Anna Oleksiuk (Italian), 64 Seventh-ave., Altona North.
Mr. Jan Omilczenkow (Polish), 133 Chambers-rd., Altona North.

Mr. Luigi, Mrs. Margherita and Miss Immacolata Panetti (Italian), 124 Second-ave., Altona North.

Mrs. Filomena Pastore (Italian), 103 Seventh-ave., Altona North.

Mr. Stavros Patralakis (Greek), 27 Kyle-rd., Altona North.
Mrs. Irini Pourounidis (Greek), 50 Third-ave., Altona North.

Mr. Jarosl and Mrs. Anica Rehak (Yugoslav), 65 Hansen-st., Altona North.

Mr. Giuseppe Ritoli (Italian), 63 Fifth-ave., Altona North.
Mr. Alojz Rus (Yugoslav), 13 Blair-crt., Altona North.
Mr. Vid Pasterk (Yugoslav), 13 Blair-crt., Altona North.

Mr. Vekoslav Rutar (Yugoslav), 25 McIntosh-rd., Altona North.

Mr. Francesco, Mrs. Maria A. and John Scollo (Italian), 17 Hansen-st., Altona North.

Mr. Jozef and Mrs. Marija Sternberger (Yugoslav), 52 Allan-st., Altona North.

Miss Elvira Szuca (Yugoslav), 25 Marion-st., Altona North.
Mrs. Anna and Miss Rosa Tavilla (Italian), 6 Amaranth-ave., Altona North.

Mrs. Nicolina Tevere (Italian), 2A Netta-st., Altona North.

Mrs. Silvana Togneri (Italian), 34 Huxtable-ave., Altona North.
Miss Athina Tzambazis (Greek), 7 Ginfier-ave., Altona North.

Mr. Alfred F. and Mrs. Gertrude Tzscheutschler (German), 49 Angus-ave., Altona North.

Mr. Ivan and Mrs. Ema Valovic (Yugoslav), 30 The Broadway, Altona North.
Mr. Zvonko and Mrs. Nada Lekic (Yugoslav).

WILLIAMSTOWN ART SHOW

The Williamstown Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold its 4th Annual Art Show on April 28 and 29 in the Williamstown Town Hall. Mr. Kevin Sanders, News Commentator with GTV9 has agreed to officially open the show at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

The Williamstown Historical Society has also agreed to exhibit a display from their well-known collection and Beta Sigma Phi ladies are very grateful for their support. This year the Chapter hopes to promote and encourage artists of the Western Suburbs.

Entries for the Art Show are at present being received and forms should be completed and returned by March 29, if possible.

Artists wishing to exhibit paintings, sculpture, pottery, metalwork, wood carvings, etc. are asked to contact immediately Mr. J. Newington, 12 Charles Street, Williamstown, telephone 397 6443, who is in charge of entry forms. A photography section will also be included.

\$1000 FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

Young artists up to 25 years of age are offered \$1000 in awards at this year's Dandenong Art Festival, from May 6 to May 10.

Main prizes are the General Motors Young Artists Award (oil), 1st \$150, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. The Dandenong Festival Water Colour Award of \$125, \$30 and \$20 and the Dandenong Festival Drawing Award (\$125, \$30 and \$20). All three are for young artists 25 years and under.

There are similar sections also for 19 years and under, 16 and under, 14 and under, and 11 and under.

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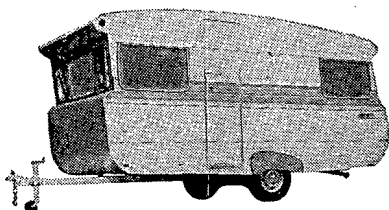
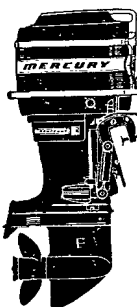
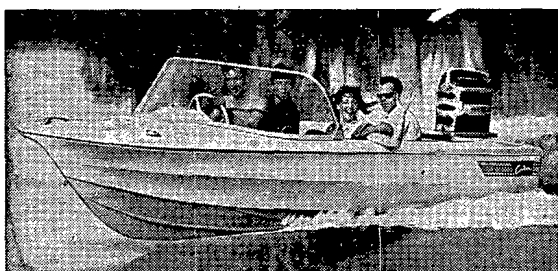
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Letters from W.A. and N.S.W.

One thing that I have noticed since settling in Altona is that the young people here have a lust for travel. Many of Altona's young residents have been involved in overseas trips recently and at the moment four Altona boys are working their way around Australia.

First of the four boys to depart was Danny Johnston (a former employee of the "Star"). Danny is working in Perth and is travelling the Continent clockwise. Travelling in the opposite direction are Messrs. Cresser, Molloy and Nicholls who are (at time of writing) orange-picking in NSW.

No doubt many of you are wondering how the boys are getting on, so here are letters from both parties—

Dear Ron,

After several unsuccessful attempts to leave that place of places (Altona) we finally departed on Wednesday, the 13th (of March, that is), at 3:30 p.m.

We travelled all night via the Calder Highway and finally reached Mildura at about 4 a.m. on Thursday. That day we toured the town after sleeping in a car park by the Murray River and then proceeded to the Commonwealth Employment Office to register for unemployment benefits. They would not pay us anything, but offered us jobs with a circus over the river in New South Wales.

The pay was \$5 per week plus food and accommodation, so needless to say we left immediately and checked out the town (birds, that is). You should see them—millions and millions of them—they outnumber the blokes four to one.

We were sad to leave Mildura and decided to travel to Griffith NSW, on the same day. Spotted a couple of 'roos on the way, but Austin couldn't hit any, so we gave them up and kept going.

We arrived in Griffith at 3:30 a.m., Friday, and were amazed at the size of the town. The "little one horse town" imagined by us turned out to be a huge place with a main street that would put Altona's to shame. The main street here is between half and three-quarters of a mile long and once again there are millions of birds who

outnumbered the blokes four to one. However, most of them are only 14 to 15 years old.

After applying to the Commonwealth Employment Office at 9 a.m. we were given a job fruit picking at \$4.50 per ton, so we are not quite millionaires. We can pick about three tons a day between us.

Today was pay day and we received \$54.50 to split three ways.

The beer here is shocking (for want of worse language) and so we have to travel to Griffith and buy a dozen Melbourne for \$4.90—so we are still civilised.

Our first day's drinking gave Max Nicholls (the person you call "Company") a short stomach upset, but Austin and I got through it alright.

Max, being a smart person, brought gloves with him and he used them when picking oranges. Austin and I soon woke up and invested in a pair each. They cost us nearly a ton of oranges each, but they were worth it as they saved our hands from being cut to ribbons.

We are camped on the farm where we work for a Mr. Montorosso, he's a terrific bloke. There is a pig sty about 20 feet away, and boy, it smells. The mosquitoes are starting to attack now and so we will have to close and get into the air raid shelters.

So long for now, Comrade. GEOFFREY C. CRESSER AND OTHERS.

RON'S NOTE: Believe Austin Molloy's sister, Carmel, is working around New Zealand.

Dear "Altona Star" Staff,

I am still here at Perth and look like being here until the end of April. The wet season up north finishes about then, and we have to save up some money before heading towards Darwin.

But I don't mind staying here one bit as it is giving us a chance to really get around.

We have been to the South-West Coast, which is about 200 miles from Perth, seen the caves, petrified forests (Danny was thinking about Bruce when he said that) and the surf beaches at Yallup.

We went to these places with the Perth Social Club, a great mob of girls and fellas, and also were invited to a few parties through them.

Of course, life here is not just one big sight-seeing adventure as the night life is really great.

We have been going to the discos and night clubs and what with doing the rounds our weekends are real wipe outs as the girls outnumber the blokes three to one.

I do not know whether I told you, but we are staying at Midland, which is about five miles out of Perth, and working at the Midland brick works as builders' labourers. This is pretty good because one day you might be doing concreting, then driving trucks, digging holes or doing a bit of carpentry.

I have had two promotions since I have been here.

by
Ron
Coleman

Don Patterson will be running a dance for scouts in Newport soon.

I just remembered, another little Gayle who has a ring is Miss Wilson.

Glad to see that Garry Bridges is an avid reader of "Stock and Land."

Biggest laugh this year was Clarke walking (staggering) home from Werribee a few weeks ago.

Also, Jimbo had a nice little walk from Laverton recently.

Foxy intends to sell his iridescent coloured car soon. JA has plans for a '64 Holden. Wonder who has been filling his head with wild ideas?

When will that rodeo planned for Altona take place? Latest to be called up is life saver Reg Swarbrick. Bad luck Reg.

Incidentally, the Victorian Wheat and Woolgrowers' Association last week voiced its discontent with the ballot system of conscription. Jeff and Gilly are still flat out training for their challenge fights with Lionel Rose. John and Bob have acquired new cars.

COMPETITION

To win a disc from the record bar of Bill Davies in Railway-st., name the latest record penned by Melbourne group, The Procession.

Address all entries to the "Altona Star," 101 Pier-st., Altona, 3018.

STIR OF THE WEEK

Word has come through on the London hotline that Meldrum has done it again.

He was arrested in London during the Vietnam demonstrations.

FREE HAIRCUT

Attention all male members of "Stars, Saints and Sinners." Mick, the Wild Barber from Somers-pde, is offering a free haircut to the first member who produces his card at the shop on Friday afternoon.

Mick is a direct descendant of Sweeney Todd and he caters for all kinds of hair styles. These include short back and sides, square back, crewcut, Tony Curtis, Jimi Hendrix perm, stylist or Yul Brynner styles. He is also more than willing to trim your wigs and wiglets or make up false sideburns from the shavings on his floor. So if you want a good haircut go and see Mick, the Psychotic Barber, in Somers-pde.

—On the Scene—

I still say that Normie Rowe's recording will out sell Johnny Farnham's. Last week Normie's record was only three places behind Johnny's on 3DB's charts. So back me up and buy the record, girls.

Could be a split between Russell Morris and the rest of Sombodies Image.

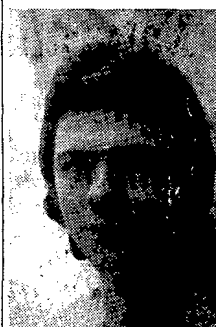
Hurry back and sort things out between Mr. Meldrum. Latest record for Sombodies Image was penned by Rob Lovett with the aid of Johnny Young.

Eric Burdon is becoming much wanted as a film star. Recently he appeared in the "Batman" series and now he has landed a major dramatic role in a film with Rod Taylor. Burdon will portray a Hippie.

Many people in the pop business are looking forward to the International Pop Festival to be staged in Rome from May 4 to 10 when an all-star line-up will include Traffic, Blossom Toes, The Byrds, Donovan and The Move.

Oh, of A.J.ia's 1st drummers, Graeme Morgan, is part of Bobby Bright's new group called Penny Arcade.

Word has it that the world-famous Shadows may be making three appearances at Melbourne's Federal Hotel. Newport singer, Chris St. Nicholas, is teaming up with Graeme Jim and Mike to form a new group.



CHRIS ST. NICHOLAS.

FAN CLUBS

Brown-Eyed Handsome Jam: "Georgina," C/- 38 Ulm-st., Laverton.
Electric Prunes Appreciation Society: 1800 "No. Argyle-st., Suite 303, Hollywood, California.
Madam Applebee Fan Club: "Annette," 162 Blackshaws-rd., Spotswood.
Van Winkle Band: "Priscilla," 14 Graham-st., Newport.

LETTERS

Dear Sir,
I would like to see in your columns a write-up on a new local group who call themselves the KEYBOARD, as I think they are fabulous.

They gave their first performance at a private party in Charlotte-st. on Saturday night, and if anyone else heard them I believe they would praise them also.

These boys are really determined to make the grade, and I believe, sincerely, that they already have.

They do deserve a mention, so please give them a go. Yours sincerely,

JUDY WALLIS.
P.S.: I forgot to mention that there are five in the group, including a girl on bass guitar. They can be reached at 20 Collins-ave., Altona North, as I believe they hold their practices there.

DANCES

A local group, who need no introduction, will be playing at Centre's End, Williamstown Life Saving Club, on Friday night and at St. Paul's College in Altona North on Saturday night.

So if you have nothing to do pole along on both nights.

ENTERTAINMENT

Dances

FRIDAY NIGHT: Centre's End Williamstown Life Saving Club —BEHJ, Biggles, Sunshine, are guest groups.

SATURDAY NIGHT: St. Paul's College, Altona North—BEHJ is guest group.

Crossroads, Sunshine — guest group.
Tipsicery, Newport — Madam Applebee and others.

SUNDAY NIGHT: Bus Stop 1, Werribee—The Chase, Igarna.

Drive-in

Showing the Brooklyn Village Drive-in for one week from Thursday, March 28, will be—

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TOP TEN

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- 4.—Bottle of Wine —The Fireballs.
- 5.—Simon Says —The 1910 Fruit Gum Co.
- 6.—Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde —George Fame.
- 7.—Green Tambourine —The Lemon Pipers.
- 8.—Different Drum —The Stoney Poneys.
- 10.—Everlasting Love —The Town Criers.

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HOCKEY CLUB STILL IN B GRADE

The Victorian Amateur Hockey Association has advised that team gradings for the four senior teams will be:—

Two B Grades and two D Grades. The Under Age Association have graded the junior teams as Under 16, Division 1; Under 14, Division 1; Under 12, North Zone.

HIGH SCHOOL TO USE GROUNDS

The Club has agreed to a request for the use of grounds by the Sportsmaster of Altona High School, Mr. Borg. This letter was passed on to the Club by the Altona Shire Council. The Council considered that as the club has formal approval for use of the grounds, other bodies wanting to use them should have Hockey Club approval. This attitude by the council is thoroughly appreciated, as the grounds are in poor condition and excessive use could ruin them completely.

GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the church of England hall, Queen Street at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3. All members and prospective members are requested to attend.

PRACTICE MATCH

On Saturday afternoon next the 30th March at 2 p.m., a practice match has been arranged against the R.A.A.F., to be played at Point Cook ground. All players are asked to be at the Youth Hall, Civic Parade, not later than 1.15 p.m.

The Club has requested the Council to arrange a meeting between the Park Properties and Foreshore Committee and Club representatives to discuss the Pavilion.

Prospective junior players are advised that specially made junior hockey sticks, 30", 16oz are available from Ron Ford for \$1.50.

Ladies 10-Pin Bowls Scores

Altona Central Ladies' League — Games played March 12, 1968:—

Brobergs Chemist 3 d 7X 1, Loy's Lemonade 4 d Grand Cinema, 0.

Central Hotel d M & D Homes, 3—1.

Roberts Nurseries d Team 6 4—0.

High Game: R. Grist (BC) 175; G. Copeland (7X) 159.

High Series: R. Grist (BC) 435; G. Copeland (7X) 414.

High Game: K. White (LL) 179; D. Patterson (GC) 137.

High Series: K. White (LL) 500; D. Patterson (GC) 353.

High Game: D. Williams (CH) 161; L. Empey (M & D) 144.

High Series: O. Williams (CH) 431; J. Downes (M & D) 394.

High Game: J. Tudor (RN) 180; J. Whitten (T6) 174.

High Series: J. Thompson (RN) 488; J. Whitten (T6) 457.

Results Games played March 19, 1968 —

Brobergs Chemist d Roberts Nurseries 4—0.

Central Hotel d Grand Cinema 4—0.

Loy's Lemonade d M & D Homes, 3—1.

7X d Team 6 2—2.

High Game: L. Quigley (BC) 161; J. Thompson (RN) 145.

High Series: L. Quigley (BC) 459; J. Thompson (RN) 422.

High Game: J. White (CH) 159; D. Patterson (GC) 149.

High Series: C. Dodd (CH) 419; D. Patterson (GC) 394.

High Game: M. Deans (LL) 189; B. Cox (M & D) 149.

High Series: M. Deans (LL) 441; B. Cox (M & D) 408.

High Game: L. Griffiths (7X) 152; I. Rudd (T6) 158.

High Series: G. Copeland (7X) 381; I. Rudd (T6) 439.

Altona Presbyterian Girls' Gym Group

A meeting of mothers of members of Altona Presbyterian Girls' Gymnasium will be held at the Sunday School Hall on Saturday, March 30, at 1.30 p.m.

KOORINGAL GOLF SCORES

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, '68

Stroke:

A Grade — W. Thom, (10) 68.

B Grade — A. Goodale, (12) 66.

C Grade — L. Dixon (24) 66.

GOLF ASSOCIATES' RESULTS

MARCH 19, 1968

Stroke:

A Grade — Mrs. K. Collins (18) 66 nett.

B Grade — Mrs. M. McAuliffe (25) on countback from Mrs. V. Jones (27) 66 nett.

C Grade — Mrs. P. Bell (36) on countback from Mrs. P. Esse (31) 65 nett.

9 Holes Out: — Mrs. M. Clancy (36) 31 nett.

ALTONA YOUTH CLUB WINS TABLE TENNIS TITLE

Altona Youth Club won the summer pennant grand final table tennis in one of the best matches yet seen in E3 grade.

Played at the Western Suburbs Table Tennis centre, Williamstown, final scores were 6-12-482 to 5-12-467.

The Altona Club (M. Baldwin, John Duncan, Bill Duncan) Reckitt & Coleman (Sandra Southall, Yvonne Freeman, Colleen Duncan). Games went evenly to each side until the last doubles match, in which the Duncan Brothers beat S. Southall-Y. Freeman 13-21, 22-20, 22-20. Reckitt still had a chance to clinch the match in the vital 11th rubber, but John Duncan narrowly won this to give Altona Youth Club its first premiership.

Altona Life Saving Club

Last Saturday members of the teams qualifying for the Victorian Championships were present at the Life Saving Club to have their photographs taken for club records. It was a pity that all members were not present as the senior women's and junior boys complete teams could not be photographed.

Later on that day while members were on patrol, several objects were seen a distance out in the water. Life savers were concerned in case they were sharks, but after investigation they were found to be a school of porpoise.

As the carnival season has now ended, all members possessing club bathers or hats are requested to return them to the Property Officer.

There will be a selection committee meeting next Wednesday night to discuss recommendations for club awards.

Next weekend will be the last official day that the beaches are patrolled this season. Members for these patrols are: Saturday, March 30 — S. Edwards, R. Swarbrick, A. Shanahan, J. Cattinach, M. Hopper, R. aBiley. Sunday, March 31 — P. Stokes, D. Shanahan, C. Mellett, J. McQuarrie, H. Harley, K. Harley, A. Willatt, D. McCullough.

SPECIAL EFFORT

Winners this week were:—
1st — J. Allen, No. 16.
2nd — C. Sullivan, No. 132.
3rd — E. Haines, No. 29.

Famous British Table Tennis Coach to Visit Local Centre

Famous British Coach, Harry Venner, will figure with other top ranking players in a class demonstration of table tennis at the Western Suburbs Centre, Garden St., Williamstown, on next Thursday evening, March 28.

Mr. Venner, a noted player and coach in Britain and Europe over many years is now under contract to the Victorian Association for three years.

While his duties keep him fully occupied at the major Victorian Centre, in Albert Park, he still finds time to visit the various other avenues where table tennis is attracting so many new adherents.

STH. EAST ASIA & PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Early in April, from 6th to 15th, the South East Asia and Pacific Championships will be held in Melbourne, with matches at Albert Park and at Festival Hall. The current world's champion, a Japanese, will be the star attraction, together with top players from Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, and other countries. Bookings are available at the Victorian Centre at Albert Park (26 4669) and at Melbourne Sports Depot, Elizabeth Street, City.

WESTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS

Westona brought their total up to 30 medals at the completion of the Williamstown Championships last Saturday. G. Rohleder won again the star, winning 2 more gold medals.

These athletes gained placings:

Girls Under 11 —
S. Keohane, 3rd Shott Putt.
G. Rohleder, 2nd 70 mtrs.
G. Rohleder, 2nd 200 mtrs.

Girls Under 12 —
K. Vanrangerooy, 2nd 70 m.
K. Vanrangerooy, 2nd 200 m.

C. Pacifici, 3rd 70 m.

Boys Under 9 —
G. Rohleder, 1st Discus.
G. Rohleder, 1st 400 m.
P. Wilsher, 3rd 200 m.

Boys Under 10 —
B. Dodd, 2nd 200 m.

Boys Under 11 —
R. Douglas, 3rd 400 m.

Newport Down By One Run in Baseball Grand Final

Newport lost a close and exciting baseball grand final by one run last Sunday at Royal Park.

Before the game, started it was announced that Newport player Harry Douglas, who has been playing with the club for 25 years, was playing his last competitive game.

Barry Cleary, who had played so well in the preliminary final was ill and unable to play and his place at rightfield was taken by Sid Bunting.

Newport captain John Maher won the toss and decided to bat last.

The team was John Armstrong (pitching), Reg Simpson (catching), Ian Andrews (first base), John Maher (second base), Tom Gray (third base), Harry Douglas (shortstop), Geoff Stonehouse (leftfield), Jim Kelly (centre-field) and Sid Bunting (rightfield).

Alphington started well when three safe hits in the first innings earned them two runs.

Newport came to bat in the equalising part of the first and Bunting made first on an infield hit and went to third base on an error by Alphington. Reg Simpson got on bases and Harry Douglas hit safely to rightfield to score two runs and tie the score at two all.

The game was even up till the third innings, with both sides getting runners on bases but were unable to score.

At the bottom of the third innings Newport took a 4-2 lead when Reg Simpson and Jim Kelly hit safely.

Alphington fought back in the fifth innings to score a run when Kelly's long throw to the home plate was wasted when the Alphington runner slid home and knocked the ball and glove away from catcher Reg Simpson.

Alphington levelled the scores in the sixth innings when a wild throw by Newport's first baseman, Ian Andrews, allowed a run across the plate.

The game at this stage was very tense and exciting and had spectators on their toes.

Newport had a big chance to score in the sixth innings when John Maher made second base on an error and Harry Douglas hit to rightfield, but the following batters were unable to bring the necessary run home.

Again in the seventh innings Sid Bunting hit to centrefield and went to third base on an Alphington error, but again the good fielding of Alphington under pressure got them out of trouble.

Newport made a change in the seventh inning, with pitcher John Armstrong, who had pitched well all day, was relieved by Terry Forrester.

The eighth innings resulted in three up, three down for both sides and the scores were still level at four all as the ninth and last innings of a very entertaining game started.

Forrester walked Alphington's first batter and the next two batters made bases on fielder's choice. Alphington had bases loaded and none down.

An attempted steal home by an Alphington runner was halted when he was tagged at the home plate by Forrester. A second attempt by Alphington was also stopped when the runner was tagged, again at the home plate, but this time by catcher Simpson.

Players from both sides then charged to the home plate and both umpires had their hands full trying to sort out the wild melee.

After tempers had cooled down somewhat, Alphington had two away at a runner on third base. A passed ball allowed Alphington to take the lead 5-4.

Newport had to score one run to keep the game alive and two to win. Ian Andrews hit to leftfield with one down, but the next two Newport batters struck out and Alphington had won.

Alphington: 200,011,001—5.

Newport: 202,000,000—4.

SAFE HITS: Harry Douglas 2, Sid Bunting 2, Jim Kelly 2, John Maher 1, Ian Andrews 1.

BEST PLAYERS: Once again it was hard to sort out best players in a very even team, but possibly Harry Douglas, with two safe hits to his credit, one which scored two runs, and the other put runners in position to score, plus a fly ball to rightfield which made it easier to score Newport's two other runs, was best.

Jim Kelly, with two safe hits and a good display of fielding at centrefield, must rate a mention, as to must Sid Bunting, also two safe hits and good fielding.

WINTER PRACTICE SENIORS

Senior players will commence practice under new coach Jim Young at Newport Sports Oval on Sunday morning, March 31, at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

JUNIORS

Under-17, Under-15 and Under-13 players will train at Dignam Reserve, High St., Newport, at 9.30 a.m., also on Sunday.

All old and intending players, both senior and junior, are asked to attend on time.

Any parents of boys who would like to play baseball for Newport are asked to contact secretary Bob Anderson, 181 Queensville-st., Kingsville, and he will answer any questions that may be asked.



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Travel to the ground either Own Transport or Bus. All attending are requested to bring own Lunch and Refreshment. Soft Drinks, Sweets, and Ice Cream for the Children will be provided by the Club.

Sporting Events for Adults and Children with Prizes. All persons attending are asked to fill in the form available at the Club by Saturday, March 30, 1968, to enable final arrangements to be made.

RAILWAY NEWS

SUBSIDIES

It is estimated that rail concessions granted to "country industries" last financial year totalled \$4,150,000. Had this amount been financed from a decentralisation account, there would have been, after meeting interest, etc., a railway surplus of \$276,411, instead of a deficit of \$3,871,589.

RAIL PIX

A 35mm. slide-series lending library has been started by the Railways to assist schools, churches, scouts and other groups.

TRAMWAY

The St. Kilda and Brighton electric street tramway, inaugurated in May, 1906, was the first electric tramway of permanent consequence in Victoria; it finally closed in 1959. A small tramline from Box Hill to Doncaster, built in 1889, failed after a short period and was dismantled.

RICE

In a season's peak, rice leaves the Echuca mill in train loads. For export alone, nearly 10,000 tons of rice are railled from Echuca each year.

"SOUTHERN AURORA" REGULAR

Mr. E. A. Wilson, consultant chemical engineer, will log his 600th rail journey between Melbourne and Sydney this year. About 300 of these trips have been by "Southern Aurora". Mr. Wilson prefers "Southern Aurora" to other forms of transport because, with overnight travel, "there is no time lost to business".

TRAIN BOOKINGS

Eltham has been included in the 23 metropolitan railway stations that can book interstate train travel.

V.R.H.O.

Victorian Railways Administrative Offices in Spencer Street became 75 years old this year. Completed in 1893, the building is on the site of the former Batman's Hill that was 61 feet high.

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NEW ELECTRIC TRAINS

The Railways are seeking opinions and advice from local and overseas firms, experienced in the design and construction of railway carriages, before inviting tenders for another batch of metropolitan electric trains. In Japan, special trains run every six days for honeymoon couples. The special are considered ideal for weddings. Couples on the trains are given specially designed, free platform tickets that they can autograph and give to friends who see them off.

RAIL FREIGHT

To suit local industry, the Railways have introduced a new rail freight service from Broadmeadows. Consignments up to 2 cwt. are collected by one of a fleet of Railway road vehicles and taken to either Melbourne Goods or Dynon freight terminal.

PASSING OF STEAM

The once powerful fleet of steam locomotives has been reduced to a minimum. Ararat is the last stronghold of steam engines in Victoria.

VANDALS

Recently three men were convicted of damaging railway property at a station. Two of them were fined \$200 each, or 50 days imprisonment, and the third, \$100 or 25 days. The property damaged consisted of windows valued at \$9.30.

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Youths Jostling On Esplanade Leads to Offensive Behaviour

Two local youths were fined in Williamstown Court last week a total of \$50 for behaving offensively one Saturday afternoon on the Altona Esplanade.

Before the court were Emmanuel Cassar, Railway-st., Altona, who was fined \$20, and David John McMinn, of Mitchell-ave., Altona North, fined \$30.

Both pleaded guilty to charges of offensive behaviour on the Esplanade near the corner of Bent-st., on Saturday, March 9, at 2.20 p.m.

To another charge of using indecent language, McMinn pleaded not guilty. Justices M. Robertson and A. King sitting on the bench, found there was a doubt about this charge which they dismissed.

Senior Const. J. Dix, of Altona, told the court that at 2.20 p.m. on March 9 he saw approximately 15 youths on the corner of the Esplanade and Bent St.

They started jostling and pushing each other and McMinn punched one youth.

Senior Constable Dix said he saw Cassar take hold of a boy's jumper and pull him along the footpath and he heard McMinn use a very indecent expression.

He arrested both youths and took them to the Williamstown Police Station.

At the police station McMinn told him that he was not fighting, only getting a mob away from his mate, Jack.

Senior Constable Dix asked McMinn why he punched a youth. McMinn said that a mate came in to the house he was visiting and he heard a crowd of "wogs, Italians, or Malts or whatever you call them", were after him. McMinn and two other friends went outside to protect his mate.

Senior Constable Dix asked McMinn if he realised a full scale brawl could have developed. McMinn replied that "half of the wogs are chickens, they would run the other way as soon as they saw us three coming."

But he denied using an indecent expression or swearing at all.

When questioned at the Police Station Cassar said he was not fighting, he had only pushed someone away. Cassar said he was not looking for a fight but one of his friends was and he just followed along. When asked if he knew a brawl could develop, Cassar said they would have gone when they saw the police coming anyway.

Cost Button told the court he heard McMinn use the indecent language.

McMinn gave evidence on oath that he did not use any indecent language and called two witnesses. Mrs. Jenkins of the Esplanade, Altona, told the court that McMinn and another boy were with her son in her home. After another lad came in they all went outside.

She followed and saw a lot of youths jostling around. Mrs. Jenkins said she did not hear McMinn use any bad language and she considered she would have as she was only across the road from the group. She said she did not understand why McMinn was arrested from the group of boys. Miss G. Hope of The Esplanade, Altona, gave evidence that she also was present when the Police arrived and did not hear any language.

Mr. M. Robertson J.P. said he and Mr. A. King J.P. found there was a very slight element of doubt of McMinn using indecent language and that he must receive this benefit. They dismissed the charge of indecent language.

McMinn admitted prior convictions for offensive behaviour.

Both Drivers Fined After Cars Collide

Both drivers were fined in Williamstown Court last week after an accident involving their cars at the intersection of Myrtle-gve. and Mulga-st., Altona, last November.

For travelling too fast through the intersection Thomas Edwin Ernest Truman, of Grievy Highway, Altona, was fined \$20. Paul Leslie Iiter, of Civic-pde., Altona, was fined \$30 for failing to give way to the right.

The two cases were heard by Justices M. Robertson and A. King.

At the hearing of the charge against him, Truman pleaded guilty.

Paul Iiter told the court he was driving north in Mulga St. and collided with a car at the corner of Myrtle Grove.

He said he considered the other driver was going too fast at the intersection. He estimated Truman's speed at 30-35 m.p.h.

Giving evidence First Constable D. Wilsher of Altona said he went to the scene of the accident at about 7.30 p.m. on November 8 last year.

He noticed one car in the front garden of a house and saw both cars were damaged. The First Constable said he asked Truman how the accident occurred.

Truman said he was driving through the intersection at about 35 m.p.h. when the accident just happened. Truman agreed it was a bad intersection and said he knew it well.

But he did not agree that he was going too fast as he was within the speed limits.

In an explanation to the Court, he said he had looked left and then right, and did not see a car coming.

As he accelerated across the intersection he saw a car right on top of him.

The impact threw him across the front seat and his car went through the fence of the house on the corner.

When the second case came before the court Iiter pleaded guilty to the charge of failing to give way to the right.

First Constable Wilsher told the court he interviewed Iiter. Iiter told him that after leaving a home nearby he was travelling at about 30 m.p.h. in Myrtle Grove and was still in second gear when the collision occurred.

Iiter said a car came burning along Mulga Street and collided with him.

He said he did not have a chance to give way to the other car as it was really moving.

CANBERRA DIARY

by Merv Lee, M.H.R.
for Lalor

DROUGHT RELIEF

Our gardens have suffered severely because of the drought, and we are all doing our share of bucket carrying.

Primary producers, however, are the most affected, many of whom have been placed in serious financial difficulties.

Nearly all of the rural community are spending a good deal of time providing water for their stock.

People are inclined to look for someone to blame for these conditions, and the Government's, both State and Federal, are receiving their share of criticism.

The Prime Minister announced last Thursday that he had agreed to arrange, through the Wheat Board, for the provision of wheat on 12 months terms at an interest rate of 4½%. This will be used as fodder, and I understand will be available to all graziers, not merely those having difficulty in obtaining credit.

An additional grant has been approved by the Prime Minister of up to \$1,000,000 providing the money is spent on drought assistance in drought relief areas. This is, of course, in addition to the money made available last year to the State of Victoria.

For the second time within three months, I have attended a memorial service to a former Prime Minister of Australia.

Last week a service was arranged in memory of the late Lord Bruce, formerly Stanley Melbourne Bruce, who died in London in August last year at the age of 84. Lord Bruce was Prime Minister of Australia when I was a small boy. The memorial service was held at All Saints Church of England, Canberra, and was conducted by the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. The ashes were scattered from the air over Canberra.

SOCIAL WELFARE

I recently stated that some people were receiving too much help from the Government whilst many were receiving too little in the form of Social Service.

It is my view that elderly people with minimum means and younger people who are in long standing ill health are the ones in most need of Government assistance.

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I have written to the Prime Minister, and am encouraged by the fact that the Government intends to review this very important matter.

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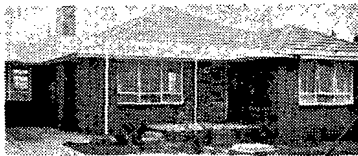
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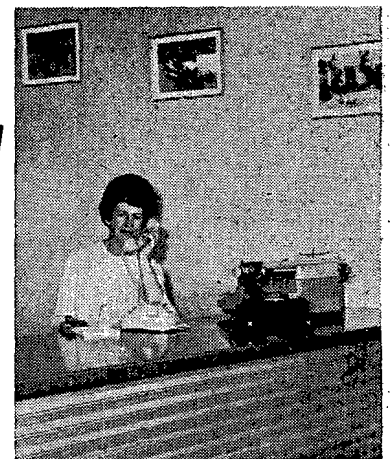
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